

Philbrook Explains How School Expenditures Are Made; Declares Bisbee's Per Capita Costs Are Low

Warren District Superintendent Says Sums Demanded by Small, Outlying Districts Out Of Proportion And Responsible For Charges Of Extravagance

A talk on "School Expenditures," including an explanation of what he declared to be misleading statements in the papers concerning the cost of maintaining the Bisbee schools, was given yesterday noon by C. F. Philbrook, superintendent of schools, at the meeting of the Warren District Luncheon Club at the Copper Queen hotel.

Philbrook explained that the schools are supported through four sources of income, the federal government, the state, the county, and the school district. He said that the present tendency is to increase the burden of the nation and state, and decrease that of the county and school district.

The government support of the schools was primarily to promote vocational education. The original plan was for the state and federal government to match dollar for dollar that was expended along these lines. This has been changed so that the state pays approximately three-fourths. This system has developed as none thought it would, and Philbrook pointed out that small country schools, not properly equipped to carry on vocational work, demand altogether disproportionate amounts of the fund. For instance, the demand of Benson this year is for \$7,000, while that of Hesperia is only \$1,000. The town of St. David gets \$10,000 on its vocational budget and for manual training and domestic science, while Bisbee gets but \$23,700.

Explains About Benson
"I noticed in this morning's paper," said the speaker, "a reference to the cost per pupil at Benson. (The speaker referred to a letter written by H. Mereson to Governor Campbell.) There is a good reason for the disproportionate cost per pupil at Benson. It is because the people of Benson have discovered that they can get anything they want in their schools and the Southern Pacific railroad has to pay for it. The railroad pays nearly all of the taxes. I visited Benson and found there about one-fourth as many teachers as there are pupils. They keep many teachers for special subjects. No wonder the cost runs up."

"The figures that have been published concerning the per capita cost per year for pupils in the Bisbee schools are misleading. The only way to make a real comparison of costs is by figuring the cost per day per pupil. The per capita cost per year in Bisbee is higher than in Douglas, but the cost per day for each pupil is less. It is because we have more days in the school year; we give them more for their money. (Douglas maintains school nine months in the year and Bisbee 11 months.)"

"When I was appointed a member of the state board of education I discovered that Maricopa county was drawing \$5,000 from the state vocational budget while we were getting but \$2,500. I asked the reason for this and was told that Maricopa has two boards of education, one for grade and one for the grammar schools and was allowed to draw twice as much for that reason. I pointed out that we also have two boards, although it happens that the same men are on each, and that we should have the same amount. The board agreed with me and as a result we now draw \$5,000.

"The state funds should be apportioned on the basis of average daily attendance instead of on a school census basis as at present. In Maricopa county there are thousands of Mexican children, cotton pickers, who never attend school and are not expected to, who are counted on the school census to increase the apportionment of Maricopa county. If the money was apportioned on the basis of average daily

attendance it would cause an effort to be made to keep the children in the schools and would be obviously a fair basis.

Road Situation Discussed
"After the state money reaches the county it is apportioned among the schools of the county on the basis of average daily attendance, except that about 70 small country schools receive \$1,500 each. This is another reason for waste. Country school boards are not always well qualified and buy things they don't need and have no use for. The county unit system, a bill for which is now before the state legislature, would bring about a much more efficient administration of country schools. It would consolidate the administration of all the country schools in the county under one school board instead of under 70 as at present. It is evident that supplies could be bought with greater economy and numerous other savings effected. (In an interview after his talk Philbrook said that he did not think there was much chance of this bill being passed by the state legislature. It is opposed by the country districts and the country school boards who enjoy their position in the community.)"

"The speaker said that he knew that some of these present had heard reports of the excessive cost of the construction of the high school. He said that to date \$145,000 had been spent, and that when the building is completed he thought the total cost, with furnishings, will be about \$200,000. The Franklin school, he said, cost \$78,300, including \$9,000 for the site. Philbrook pointed out instances of building operations in other towns in the state, in much smaller communities, where the cost of construction is as great, and much greater in proportion to the population. He said that there are 5,000 children enrolled in the schools here and the need for the buildings being erected is a real one.

Arthur Notman, chairman of the luncheon club legislative committee, reported on the activities of the committee. He spoke of his opposition to the activities of the committee shown in other parts of the state, and said this opposition was based largely on the allegation that Cochise county had obtained all the federal money it wants for the building of roads and now seeks to prevent other counties from doing the same. "As you know," said Notman, "Cochise county has never asked for any money to build roads other than what it is entitled to under the statutes." He declared that the committee has met with prompt, willing and hearty co-operation from Cochise representatives in the legislature.

Final Rehearsal Of Comedy, To Be Presented By Civic Players Assures Fine Production Tonight

The curtain will rise on "Her Husband's Wife," dramatic comedy, with a cast composed of the Civic Players of the Warren District, at the Grand tonight at 8:15 o'clock. The last rehearsal of the play was held Wednesday night and showed the entire cast to be perfected in their parts. The list of characters for tonight follows:

Donald C. Carr as "Richard Belton"; B. M. Parks as "Stuart Randolph"; Miss Althea Saelid as "Irene Randolph"; Miss Barbara Watkins as "Emily Lawren." Music will be furnished by the juvenile concert orchestra,

RAILROADS SEEK AUTHORITY TO CUT WAGES

Operators Declare Increase In Payrolls Is Menacing Business Of All Lines

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—General wage reductions on the larger railroads will be considered tomorrow by the labor committee of the American Association of Railway Executives in an effort to solve what railroad officials say is a precarious transportation situation. The meeting will make definite recommendations to the association with a view to bringing the matter before the railroad labor board.

Tomorrow's meeting will be behind closed doors, but it was predicted by railroad officers that the committee's recommendations would be for some sort of reduction in wages.

The meeting is held in accordance with a resolution adopted by the association January 7. The resolution brings to the attention of all member roads the necessity to observe all rates of pay and working conditions as established by the railroad labor board until the same are changed by "orderly process." Meanwhile the subject was referred to the labor committee "for early consideration and report." Members of this committee include W. R. Scott, president of the Southern Pacific Lines in Texas and Louisiana.

Failure of increased rates to earn the expected revenue, decrease in business, the present large payroll and high operating expenses were given as reasons for probable action before the railroad labor board to cut wages. "Many railroads are in bad financial condition," declared Samuel O. Dunn, advisory counsel to the Association of Railway Executives. "This is due to a decline in business and failure of the rates to earn the revenue expected. Railroads, during September, October and November when they did their heaviest business, failed to earn the large net returns expected."

The roads have made reductions in their forces, made necessary by the decline in business. They are operating as economically as possible and they find no way out except to reduce the payroll. The 1917 payroll of \$1,700,000,000 is today increased to \$3,700,000,000 and as a result many roads are in bad financial condition. There has been a decline in business until the freight movement is less than two thirds of what it was three months ago."

\$360,000 FOR FREE SEED
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The house confirmed today, 169 to 149, its action in voting \$360,000 for distribution of free seeds by members. A motion to rescind the amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill was defeated.

tra, under the direction of Gilbert Maston.

"The Drama," a monthly review published for the Drama League of America in the issue of December, speaks of the Civic Players of Bisbee as follows:

"The Civic Players of the Warren District, Bisbee, Arizona, have, under the capable direction of L. W. Cranford, a graduate of the Emerson School of Oratory, Boston, and the Alviene School of Stage Arts, New York, inaugurated a night school course in dramatics. The sessions are held twice each week and are devoted to an hour of play-study and class exercise, followed by an hour in which try-outs for plays will be had, as well as readings and play-building. The motto and object of the course is 'Service to develop better audiences for better plays and better plays for better audiences,' a valuable motto to be followed by other groups of players."

As this will be the first production of the Civic Players and as the success of the organization means much to the Warren District, lovers of the drama and the players themselves are justly anxious that a big audience should greet them. It is not the desire of the players to make money, but to gain enough support to continue with the production of good plays in Bisbee.

IN THE COURT

Jim Harris, negro, and P. M. Gallop, who confessed to the burglary of the Mike Patek place at Lakeville, waived preliminary examination yesterday in the justice court at Lowell and were bound over for trial in the superior court. They were removed in custody to the county jail at Tombstone.

A. G. McGregor of Warren was fined \$10 yesterday in police court on a charge of speeding on Naco road.

G. C. Dix, Bisbee photographer, pleaded not guilty yesterday in police court to a charge of parking his car in a prohibited place. His trial was set for this evening at 5 o'clock.

R. G. Redondo was fined \$10 yesterday in the justice court at Lowell on a charge of speeding on Naco road between Warren and Lowell.

City Briefs

PLAY FOR CHARITY CUP

The first of a series of games to be played between local soccer football teams for the "Charity Cup," will be witnessed Sunday afternoon when the Queen Stars will clash with the C. & A. team at Warren park.

CANDY SALE

The H-Y girls will hold a "home-made candy" sale Saturday throughout the day, at Ball's drug store on Main street.

ILL AT HOSPITAL

Jack Cain is confined to the Copper Queen hospital on account of illness.

RECOVERING

George Patterson, of Winwood Addition, who has been ill with an attack of pneumonia, is recovering rapidly and is expected to be out in a few days.

ILL AT HOME

Mrs. Mary Umberham is confined to her home on School Hill by illness.

LEAVES FOR HOME

C. K. Gossett, who has been in the city visiting with his sister, Mrs. J. Akers, has left for his home in Logan, West Virginia.

RETURN TO DISTRICT

Mrs. Joe Pabroch and daughters have returned to this city after an extended visit in California. They have taken up their residence on Jones Hill.

TO DOUGLAS

Miss Elsie Hutterman of the New Art Store, was a visitor in Douglas yesterday.

IN BISBEE AGAIN

C. E. Winstead has returned to this city from Kentucky where he has been visiting for the past month.

RUTH ON BUSINESS

C. W. Ruth of this city, has left for the eastern part of Texas on an extended business trip.

DR. SHINE OPENS OFFICE

Dr. Francis E. Shine, former chief surgeon for the Copper Queen, has opened an office at 1129 Brockman building, Los Angeles, according to word received in Bisbee.

LUNCHEON AT CLUB

The women's committee of the country club will give a luncheon at the club next Tuesday. The committee met last week and planned to continue the women's entertainments of last year.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral services for Mrs. Fred Ryance, whose body was shipped here from Los Angeles where she died last week, will be held at 10:30 o'clock this morning from the Catholic church. The remains will leave the residence for the church at about 9:45 o'clock.

WILL BURY HERE

The body of John O'Brien, C. & A. miner who died on January 22 at the C. & A. hospital of pneumonia, is still held by the Heintzsch Undertaking company, no word having been received from relatives. It is planned to bury the body here, and funeral services will be held in the next few days.

MRS. SCHMIDT FUNERAL

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, Bisbee pioneer, were held yesterday afternoon from the Presbyterian church.

Hounds, Attention! Get A License Or Make Your Wills

"The annual dog tax is due and payable," said A. J. Kington, city marshal, yesterday, "and has been due since the first of the year. A slaughter of dogs is going to start on the first of the month unless owners start coming in for tags some faster than they have so far. The police department is in need of a little target practice and I have informed the men that they can start on dogs without licenses on the first of the month. By the middle of the month if any resident of Bisbee is kept awake at night by the howling of a dog he can know that that dog wears a city license tag and has a right to howl."

COME TO NACO

If you want a passport to Mexico come to Naco, Arizona, and Mrs. W. E. Gray will prepare your photograph in 40 minutes at her studio from 8:30 a. m. to 5:20 p. m. —Adv.

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All members of the Y. W. C. A. are urged to be present at the annual dinner given at the Country Club Wednesday, February 2nd at 7:15 p. m. An attractive program has been arranged and a splendid dinner will be served. Those desiring to attend will please register at the Y. W. C. A. office on or before Friday, January 28th.

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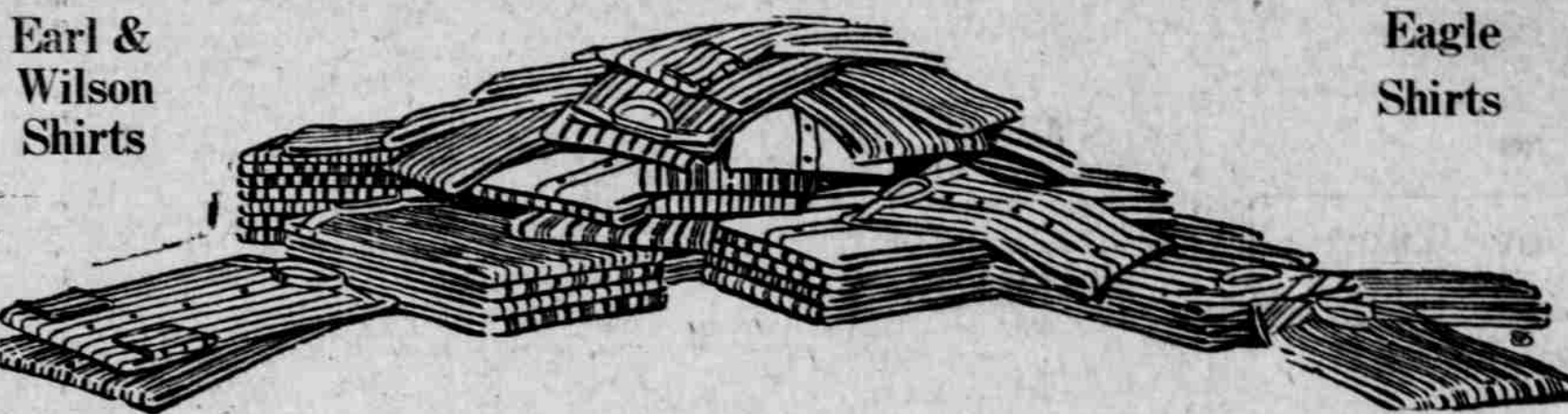
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